





AUGUST  
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## TRIP TO THE BAY STATE.

It has been stated that Commissioners had been appointed by Gov. Morrill, of which we were one, to visit Massachusetts, and gather facts in regard to the "cattle disease" which has been introduced into that State from Holland, and threatens to spread to other localities. We left Kennebec on Thursday morning, May 21st, in what has been a very uncommon state of the weather—a gentle rain. We have unwavering faith in the wisdom and justice of an ever-ruling Providence, and have therefore no doubt that the unparalleled drought with which we have been visited, is designed in love, and will work out for us all more good than if we had been visited by the usual amount of much-winded-for-rains, and yet we confess to some of the weakness of human nature that we should like to know a little in advance why it is so, and the cause, both moral and physical why the rain didn't come before. No matter now about that, it came freely and fell as gently "as the dew of heaven," and of the multitudes that we met from Maine to Massachusetts Bay, we saw not a single individual that did not express pleasure and gratitude for it. We could see but little, if any difference in the advance of vegetation and crops between Maine and those parts of Massachusetts and Vermont which we visited.

The orchards were in full bloom, and on every side; as far as early indications could be observed, gave unusual promise of a good crop coming. What changes or disasters may happen to injure or destroy the apples between now and brown October, we cannot tell, but if there should nothing injurious befall them, get ready for a jolly harvest. Young America will enjoy this—for you might as well enjoy him of his bread and butter as deprive him of the pleasure of having an apple in hand, half a dozen in his hat, and as many in his pocket. Besides this, "dried apple" is getting to be a great American institution, and the most temperate of us have no objections to a little sweet cider by way of beverage, or a sup, now and then, of good sound cider vinegar by the way of pickles.

The members of the Massachusetts Legislature had assembled the day before we arrived, an extra session having been called, as you are aware, by Gov. Banks, in order to give more aid and adopt more stringent measures to put an end to the "cattle disease" which is making sad destruction with the herds in some parts of the State. On our way to the State House we met our brother Commissioners, Messrs. Goodale and Nourse, and also the Commissioners of Massachusetts. We found the Legislature in session, and the subject which they were called together to consider, under debate. We also found among them, as we do in all legislative and deliberative assemblies, a few sons of *Bunker*, who knew nothing of the subject and yet talked longer and louder about it than those who did. They either believed or affected to believe, that there was nothing very uncommon the matter with the cattle, and that the whole excitement was a sham and a humbug. It is a blessed good thing that truth and common sense soon dispense of such men, and that, if they have any influence when they begin, they soon talk it out of sight.

A strong and efficient committee was appointed, who had daily sessions, and before whom individuals conversant with the disease were examined. These examinations were held in the Representatives' Hall, and a photographer took down the testimony, which has been published as a legislative document, and probably furnishes one of the best books on the disease that can be found. You will find a short sketch of the rise and progress of it in Massachusetts, on the first page of this number, which we have taken from the report. On Saturday, 24 inst., the committee adjourned to Mr. Cheney's farm, in Belmont, for the purpose of examining the present condition of his herd and witnessing the examination of two of them which were slaughtered on purpose to give them, and all others who attended, actual proof of the effects of the disease upon the lungs.

Mr. Cheney is a wealthy merchant of Boston, but resides upon the farm in Belmont (formerly a part of West Cambridge) where his father lived, and where he was brought up; we are told, a farmer boy, previous to his going into business in Boston. Here he takes pleasure in spending a portion of his ample means in improving and embellishing the paternal acre of the old homestead, and much to his own gratification and the benefit of the public, has occasionally, for a few years past, imported from Holland many of the deep milking Holstein breed of cattle. It was in one of these importations that the "lung sickness" or contagious "pleuro-pneumonia" was brought over. Mr. Cheney says that there was no disease of the kind in the herd from which they were purchased, but that, on their way and previous to their being shipped to this country, they were stalled a few days in Rotterdam, where they probably took the contagion which has destroyed thirty out of seventy of his herd, and as fine cattle as could be found in America.

It was a new disease in this country, and hence when it first broke out, no one knew or suspected the contagious nature of it. This is the reason why it was not crushed at once, and it was not until it had been spread into two or three other towns that the true nature of it was discovered, and the alarm given. Hence the great difficulty that has arisen in circumscribing its field of action, and stopping its progress. From the facts elicited, and the observations we could make on the spot, the first approaches of the disease are very insidious, and the symptoms at first not very well defined. The animal at first does not seem to be ill; its food; its hair begins to stare, as we say, and there is occasionally a slight cough or hack. This state of things continues much the same for some days; but symptoms of fever begin to show themselves; the nose becomes dry, and the pulse quickens. The appetite decreases, and the cough increases. At length the animal refuses food, and appears to be sore about the sides, or the back, and between the shoulders—manifesting pain when pressure is made on these parts. It often refuses to lie down, as if it occurred pain to be in a recumbent position. On opening the animal, it will be found that there is, or has been an inflammation of the lungs and the serous membrane lining the ribs in the cavity of the chest; at the earlier stages, large quantities of serous fluid are found in this cavity, but at more advanced stages this is not found, and the lungs have adhered to the sides of the chest, and sometimes to the diaphragm. The lung itself at first begins to "hepatize," that is, becomes solid like liver, exhibiting, as you expressed it, an appearance like an old-fashioned egg shelled. In many of the lungs, at the latter stages, are found large cysts, or men, full of a solid lump of cheesy or cordy matter (probably coagulated serum), and these

the whole lung becomes disintegrated and parts have matted and disappeared. When both lungs take on this action, they of course soon become impervious to air, and death is the only relief for the suffering animal. Two of Mr. C's herd were selected for examination; one a yearling heifer which had been very sick with the disease during the past winter, but had recovered and was pronounced cured. The other a cow which had been brought into the herd last December, we believe, for the purpose of suckling a calf whose mother had died of the disease. This last was thought by some not to have taken the disease, while others thought they discovered the incipient stages of it.

The yearling was killed first. On opening, it was found that the right lung was wholly diseased—no air could enter it except a small dissection through some of the larger bronchial tubes; there was a cyst or sac, but no lump or deposit of cheesy matter. As one of the large bronchial tubes opened into this sac, the curdy matter, probably suppurated and passed off and out at the nostrils. The lung adhered throughout its whole external surface to the ribs and midriff and heart case. The right lung was sound. The cow was then killed and opened. At the bottom of one lung it was found that the disease had commenced, covering a few inches only.

We are compelled, for lack of space, to break off here, but shall have something more to say about this and other matters, in our next.

**LEGISLATIVE ACTION.** The Massachusetts Legislature is still in session, having come to no definite conclusion as to the course to be pursued in regard to the cattle disease. The Committee, on Thursday last, reported two separate bills upon the subject—one, defining the action of the disease and the disposition of the cattle, and the other, establishing a permanent Board of Commissioners, with power to make regulations for the treatment, cure and extermination of the disease, and requiring the officers of towns and cities in the State to enforce and carry into effect such regulations as may from time to time be made by said Commissioners.

These bills have passed the Senate with very slight opposition or amendment. But in the House the indications are that they will either be defeated outright or so essentially changed in form and feature that they will fail to accomplish the purpose designed by the Committee in drafting and reporting them. It is to be hoped some speedy action will be taken, as every day's delay aggravates and complicates the evil which the Legislature is called together to remedy.

**PETITION FOR A LEGISLATIVE SPECIAL SESSION.** The following petition of the Trustees of the Kennebec Agricultural Society, for a special session of the Legislature, to take action in reference to the cattle disease, has been sent to us for publication. We have no doubt the Governor and Council will give the subject due consideration:

To the Hon. Governor and Council of Maine:  
We, the representatives of the Kennebec County Agricultural Society (being the oldest in the State), in view of the disease now prevailing in the State of Massachusetts among the cattle, and the danger of its being brought into this State by the daily importations that are being made, unless some prohibitory law or other measure be taken, most humbly but earnestly pray that you may by your earliest convenience, call the Legislature together, for the adoption in its wisdom, of such measures as may, if possible, prevent such a terrible calamity coming upon us. And in duty bound we swear.

DANIEL H. TRUMB, Trustee of the Ken. Co. Ag. Soc.  
SULLIVAN KILPATRICK, Ag. Soc.  
JAMES HOWARD, President.  
DAVID C. MERRILL, Secretary.  
Readfield, June 6th 1900.

**SALE OF VALUABLE HORSES.** A large sale of valuable horses took place on the premises of Reuben S. Denny, Esq., of Clapville, Mass., on Wednesday last. Mr. Denny is well known as having been for several years extensively engaged in horse breeding. Twenty-three horses, consisting of stallions, mares and geldings, were disposed of at prices ranging from \$100 to \$3,450 each. The entire proceeds of the sale amounted to \$15,267. The famous pacing mare Pocahontas, was knocked down for \$3,450; the original Mary Taylor, eighteen years old, for \$400, and the well known sorrel pacing mare Nahmeeka, for \$410. Colts from the above mares were sold at prices ranging from \$500 to \$2,400. T. S. Lang, Esq., of North Vassalborough, was among the purchasers. He secured the two-year-old stallion Gray Fox, by Ethan Allen out of White Mary, color black roan, giving promise of future excellence as a trotter, for \$320; also, the yearling filly Priscilla, out of Nahmeeka by Ethan Allen, a square trotter and valuable colt, for \$475. These desirable additions will make Mr. Lang's stable the most valuable in the State.

**SONS OF TEMPERANCE.** The National Division of the Sons of Temperance commenced their session in Portland on Friday last. Twenty-three divisions are represented, including several Southern States. The Worthy Patriarch of Great Britain is present as a delegate. The attendance is large, and the session a very earnest one. The members of the Division were received and welcomed by John S. Kimball, G. W. P. of Maine, and on behalf of the city by Charles P. Kimball, Esq., President of the Common Council. They were also welcomed to the State by Neal Dow, Esq., in behalf of the Governor who was unable to be present. Mr. Kimball, in his Address of Welcome, stated that there are 203 Divisions of Sons of Temperance in Maine, with over 28,000 members.

**MUNICIPAL ACTION.** The City Council of Portland, have passed an order prohibiting the introduction into that city of cattle from Massachusetts or other places where the cattle disease exists. Undoubtedly in the absence of any action on the part of our State authorities, it is the right and duty of the towns and cities of the State to protect themselves, either by preventing the admission of infected cattle within their limits or by the establishment of a quarantine, which shall effectually test the question of their soundness before they are permitted to have intercourse or contact with other animals.

**IS THIS TAE?** We understand that a pair of large seven-foot cattle were bought in Brighton in that neighborhood last week, for fifty dollars, and brought into Mt. Vernon. It may be all right and no harm come of it, but "caution is the parent of safety," and we suggest to the Selectmen of Mt. Vernon, and all in that vicinity who regard the health of their cattle to look into this matter, and if such animals are there, to make them undergo a rigid quarantine process, until all possibility of danger from contact with them is removed.

**THE TRUSTEES OF THE MAINE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY** will meet at the U. S. Hotel in Portland, on Thursday of this week, to consider how far the prevalence of the pleuro-pneumonia may affect the proposed Exhibition of the Society in that city in September next, and to advise any precautions of safety and protection from the disease, which may be deemed necessary.

**THE MAINE UNIVERSIST CONVENT** will hold its annual session at Gardiner, June 19, 20 and 21.

**REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION.** The State Convention for the nomination of Republican candidates for Governor and two Presidential Electors at Large, was held in Bangor, on Thursday last 7th inst. The Convention was a very large one, numbering 781 delegates from 321 towns. F. A. Pike, Esq., of Calais, presided, assisted by a Vice President from each county, and five Secretaries.

After the appointment of the usual committees and the transaction of other business, the Convention proceeded to ballot for a candidate for Governor, with the following result: whole number of votes, 725; necessary to a choice, 363; Israel Washburn, Jr., of Orono had 429; Abner Coburn, of Bloomfield 942; Wm. Willis of Portland, 52; F. H. Morse, of Bath, 2. Hon. Israel Washburn, Jr., was declared duly nominated. The nomination was subsequently, on motion of the friends of the contesting candidates, made unanimous.

Hon. Wm. Willis and Hon. Abner Coburn were then nominated by acclamation as candidates for Presidential Electors at Large.

The following resolutions reported by a Committee, were unanimously adopted, and the Convention adjourned.

**Resolved,** That the Republicans of Maine, in Convention assembled, cordially, enthusiastically and harmoniously endorse the nomination of Abraham Lincoln for President, and Hannibal Hamlin for Vice President, and pledge to them the electoral vote of the State by a triumphant and overwhelming majority.

**Resolved,** That the Platform adopted by the Chicago Convention embodies the political creed of the Republicans of Maine. We take nothing from it—and add nothing to it—but commend all its principles to the generous support of every liberty-loving citizen of the State.

**Resolved,** That in our candidate for Governor—Hon. Israel Washburn, Jr., we present a man in every respect worthy of the station—one whose eminent ability, unspotted integrity, and intimate knowledge of the interests of the State, and lifelong devotion to the principles of the Republican party, entitle him to the cordial support of all who have at heart the true interests and welfare of Maine.

**DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.** A delegate and mass Convention of the Democrats of the Fourth Congressional District, was held in this city on Thursday last. Hon. Henry Talman of Bath was chosen President. Resolutions were unanimously passed instructing the delegates to the National Convention at Baltimore, to give their support to Stephen A. Douglas as a candidate for the Presidency. Spirited speeches were made by Hon. E. K. Smart of Camden, John A. Peters of Bangor, Mr. Stevens of New Hampshire, J. T. Gilman of Bath, Dr. R. A. Cony of Augusta, and others. The Citizens' Band was in attendance under whose escort the Convention marched from the Stanley House to the Hall. The evening was occupied by speeches and music from the balcony of the Stanley House and in the Railroad Depot.

**MAKING AN EXAMPLE OF HIM.** There is a class of persons who seem to think they are justified in swindling their newspaper reading out of the unfortunate publishers upon whom for the time being they manage to fasten themselves. It does us good occasionally to see an example made of such persons. The publishers of the Lewiston Falls Journal give an account of a recent case in which a Mr. Hutchinson, who had taken his paper for some five years, endeavored to get rid of the obligation of paying for it, by alleging (a very common dodge by the way) that he never subscribed for it. The fact came out, however, in his own testimony upon the stand that although he had been very careful not to take the paper out of the post office in person, he permitted members of his family to do so during the entire period, and thus obtained the regular reading of it for himself. Convicted out of his own mouth, the justice promptly awarded judgment against him for debt, interest and costs. We hope it will prove a salutary warning not only to him but to many others with whom most newspaper publishers have the misfortune to be acquainted.

**EDITORIAL CHANGE.** Our neighbor, John L. Stevens, Esq., one of the editors and proprietors of the *Kennebec Journal*, whose labors for several years past have overtaxed his physical strength, announced in his paper last week the relinquishment of his post for a season, to enable him to recover in some measure his shattered health. We sincerely hope that he will succeed in his quest, and be able speedily to resume his accustomed duties. In the meantime his place as political editor will be filled by Jas. G. Blaine, Esq., whose former relations with the readers of the *Journal* will thus be very pleasantly renewed. By the way, we understand that a strong movement is making by his Republican friends to obtain for Mr. Blaine the nomination for Congress from this District. We hope to be able to congratulate our friend upon his success.

**THE SLASHING STALLION BEATEN.** The great trotting match between Flora Temple and Geo. M. Patchen the vanquisher of Ethan Allen, came off on Wednesday last, at the Union Course, New York. The match was for \$500 a side, mile heats, best three in five. The "little bay" will remain the Queen of the Turf, having won the match in three straight heats—time 2:21, 2:24, 2:24. A second match, two mile heats, was to come off on Tuesday of this week, between Flora and Patchen, best two in three.

A match has also been made by the owners of Ethan Allen and Geo. M. Patchen for \$1000 a side, *à la vie*, mile and repeat, in harness, to come off on the Union Course, on Tuesday the 19th inst.

**NATIONAL HORSE SHOW.** The Fourth Annual Exhibition of Horses will take place in Springfield, Mass., Sept. 4, 5, 6 and 7, 1900. The time is well chosen and we have no doubt will prove as successful as in former years. We shall give, next week, an abstract of the programme announced by the Managers, with a list of the principal premiums offered. Of course Maine will be represented at the Exhibition.

**THE 222d ANNIVERSARY OF THE ANCIENT AND HONORABLE ARTILLERY COMPANY OF MAE.** took place on Monday of last week. The usual election sermon was delivered by Rev. A. S. Nickerson, of Chelsea. The dinner was at Faneuil Hall, the table being spread in the old style, with the great punch-bowl in its former position. It passed off with great eclat, the speeches being lively and full of humor. Brig. Gen. John S. Tyler was commissioned by the Governor as Captain.

**THE APPROACHING FOURTH OF JULY** will be celebrated in Portland, Bangor, Waterville, Hallowell, Fayette and other places in the State. No movement, so far as we are aware, has been made for a celebration in this city.

**LARGE FLEECES.** Capt. T. S. Ingraham, of this city, sheared, on the 25th of May last, from a lamb one year and one day old, 8 lbs. 9 oz. wool, from two sheep, 16 lbs. 13 oz.; from three sheep, 25 lbs. 13 oz.

**WE SHALL BE GLAD TO RECIPE THE EXTRACTS** from a memorandum mentioned by our friend, S. Dill, Esq. "We think their publication will do our readers a service."

**THE LEWISTON FARMER** understands that a company from Wallingford, Conn., is at Sedgwick, preparing to manufacture Fish Gumbo.

**THE JAPANESE.** The Japanese took leave of the President, the Cabinet, and some of the Foreign Ministers, on Tuesday, 5th inst., preparatory to their departure from Washington. The first Ambassador read a brief address, in which they thanked the President for the very kind treatment they have received in Washington. The President responded appropriately, after which he presented each of the Commissioners a gold medal, in commemoration of the first Embassy from Japan to the United States.

At the State Department, addresses were made by the Embassadors and Mr. Cass, and the final arrangements made for the return of the Embassy to Japan. Mr. Cass also delivered to the Embassadors a copy of Audobon's works, inclosed in a mahogany box, and directed "to His Majesty the Emperor of Japan," and mentioned that the presents, of books and mechanical works, including a steam engine, some intended for the Tycoon and some for the Commissioners themselves, were in course of preparation and would soon be ready to put in their keeping. Last of all, he produced twenty silver and fifty bronze medals, cast in the same mold as those given by the President to the three Princes, which he explained were intended for the officers and servants of the Embassy, to be distributed at the superiors should decide.

The Embassy spends but a single day in Baltimore, passing on to Philadelphia where they will remain a week, thence to Niagara Falls, Boston and New York, whence they will sail in a government vessel for home, via Cape Horn.

**WHERE WILL YOU GET YOUR GOODS.** Those who wish to buy groceries and other family stores, by the quantity, will find, by looking into our advertising department, the names of two of our Maine boys, N. H. H. of Readfield, and M. J. Cole of Turner, who have established for themselves in Blackstone Street, Boston, where they will supply you with everything of the kind you may want, at very reasonable charges, and of the best quality. Town agents, who are required by law to get the best of good liquors, will be supplied by them at the Custom House. We do not think much of liquors of any kind, but if you must have them, get liquors as *liquors*, and none of your sham potations. They will be glad to wait upon any of the *estates* who go down to Boston for goods.

**RELIC EXHIBED.** A few weeks ago, the foot stone of the grave of Pierre Daille, minister of the Old French Church in Boston, was accidentally discovered in the Grafton Burial ground, where it had lain for many years hidden beneath the surface of the earth. The head stone could not be found, but a few days since, as workmen were excavating an estate on Pleasant street, they struck upon the missing stone, bearing the following inscription:

Here lies the body of our Reverend Mr. Pierre Daille, Minister of the French Church in Boston, died the 21st of May, 1715, in the 67th year of his age.

When or why it was removed to such a distance is unknown.

**AGRICULTURAL BOOKSTORE.** We refer our readers to the advertisement of C. M. Barker, Saxton & Co., Agricultural Book Publishers and Dealers, in New York City. In addition to the works announced therein, they can furnish any book upon Agriculture, Horticulture, Stock Growing and Management, etc., now published, and are able also to supply Agricultural Societies, Clubs, or individuals with libraries upon any scale, large or small, which may be desired. They are also the publishers of the *Horticulturalist*, the best magazine for the gardener and fruit grower in the world.

**TAXPAYERS IN GARDINER.** The Gardiner *Journal* publishes a list of eighty-three individuals and firms in that city paying a tax of \$25 and upwards. Of that number fifty-two pay more than \$50 and less than \$100; twenty-eight pay more than \$100 and less than \$200; two pay over \$300; and one over \$500. The highest tax is paid by R. H. Gardiner, Esq. amounting to \$910.95.

The total valuation of property in the city is \$1,538,000, being about 56,000 less than last year. The rate is 12 mills on the dollar; last year it was 11.

**SAFETY PLATFORM CARS.** We are glad to note every improvement in Railroad Cars that tends to make them more safe for travelers or operators. We see that some of the New York lines are adopting an improvement in the platform cars, which consists in having an appendage which brings them in contact and thus closes up the gap of destruction over which one has been hitherto compelled to step when he would pass from one car to the other. We hope every car in use will be supplied with this sort of platform.

**THE AUGUSTA Y. M. C. ASSOCIATION** will celebrate the Second Anniversary of the organization of their Society, on Sabbath evening next, at the First Baptist Church, on which occasion the Annual Report will be presented by Howard Owen, Secretary of the Association, and brief addresses made by the President, Wm. H. Dufman, and several clergymen of this city. Exercises to commence at quarter past seven o'clock.

**THE CENSUS TAKERS**, in going their rounds, meet with many amusing incidents, and with many a curious specimen of humanity. One old woman, not a score of miles from here, recorded herself as ninety-four years of age, born on a battlefield in Holland—in the first war that ever was—on Independence day—the day that Christ was born. She says she came to this country when she was a baby, a little while before George Washington came over.

**PREQUE ISLE.** The *Pioneer* says that those who were burned out by the recent conflagration in that place, are erecting dwellings and places of business, and it will be but a short time before Preque Isle will rise Phoenix-like from her ashes. That paper also contains an acknowledgment of generous donations from merchants of Boston, amounting to \$325, for the benefit of the sufferers by the fire.

**FIRE IN ROCKLAND.** The houses owned and occupied by Simon McCann, on Masonic street, Rockland, was destroyed by fire on Thursday night, 31st ult. On Sunday morning following, about 2 o'clock, the house owned by Walter J. Wood, nearly adjacent to the scene of the former fire was destroyed, together with a barn and other property. Both are supposed to be the work of incendiaries.

**A BIG BOY.** Mr. Lyman Whittier of Vienna has laid upon the table the egg of a Bremen goose owned by him, measuring one way 11 1/2 and the other 8 1/2 inches and weighing 10 ounces. There must have been some amount of cooking when that feat was accomplished, and it is to be presumed that she felt better after it.

**THE STATE FACTORY OF MOORS.** Williams & Morse, Bloomfield, destroyed by fire last winter, as we learn from the *Telegraph*, has been rebuilt on a larger scale with new and better machinery, and will be ready for operation in a few weeks.

**NEW PATENTS.** The following were among the patents issued from the Patent Office last week:

Patent of Cummings of Portland, assignor to D. H. Furber of same place, for improvement in chains.

Patent of Cummings of Portland, assignor to D. H. Furber of same place, for improvement in gears.

**A CITIZENS' CELEBRATION** of the Fourth of July will take place in Fayette. The Sabbath School will unite in the celebration.

**DEPUTY LAND AGENT.** Henry R. Downer, Esq., of Preque Isle, has been appointed Deputy Land Agent, with jurisdiction over Preque Isle and adjacent towns.

**RUPTURE IN WASHINGTON.** Telegraphic dispatches inform us that the apartments of Senator Sumner were invaded on Friday evening last, by an individual named Capt. Henry of Virginia, who demanded explanation in regard to certain parts of his recent speech. The dispatch states that:

"Mr. Sumner gave him no satisfaction, and ordered him to depart, which he did with threats. At a subsequent hour three other persons called, and stopping in the passageway, sent up word to Mr. Sumner that they wished to see him alone. They refused an invitation to the room where Mr. Sumner was, surrounded by his friends, and left, sending a threatening message by the servant that they would come with force to assault him at 10 o'clock this morning, at which time Mr. Sumner was sleeping."

"Information was lodged with Mayor Beahm, without Mr. Sumner's knowledge, that his room had been improperly invaded and threats made against his life. The matter was investigated, and the principal offender, named Capt. Henry, called with the Mayor on Mr. Sumner, and made an apology, which was accepted. Capt. Henry was intoxicated at the time of committing the offense."

**HICKS, THE PIKAR AND MURDERER.** In regard to the murder on the ship *Saladin*, of A. Johnson, the facts, according to Hick's account, are as follows: The ship left New York March 15th, having on board George Burr, captain and partner, Samuel and Oliver Watts, and Albert Hicks, (shipwrecked as Johnson) as crew. Hicks was between nine and ten o'clock that night, when they were on the deck, he began his bloody work. He was on deck with one of the Watts boys, the captain and the other brother being below. The murderer came up below, and the matter was decided by a blow on the head with some heavy weapon, probably a handspike. The victim fell to the deck and was pounded to death. The brother sleeping below and hearing the noise rushed on deck, only to find his dead brother Hicks there, stretched in the cabin, and after a desperate struggle, the evidence of which were manifest when the ship was picked up, with Captain Burr, despatched his men.

There is one great benefit conferred upon the poor and those of moderate means through the lumbering operations of this city, and that is the large supply of fuel of a cheap kind—causing many a pot to boil that could not if the price of fuel were not kept within reasonable limits by this supply.

Since the consolidation of the Dam and Kennebec Company, there is, and no doubt will continue to be, a more liberal management of its affairs, which will cure to the interest of the proprietors as well as the public.

**A CITIZEN.**

**MAINE WESLEYAN SEMINARY.** There is to be a good time at the close of the present term of the Maine Wesleyan Seminary, at Kent's Hill, on Thursday, 21st inst. The following, from a correspondent, will give those interested in this excellent institution a hint of what may be expected on that occasion:

**MR. EDITOR.**—The usual degree of prosperity has attended this Institution the present term. The number of students in attendance has been very large (225). An unusual degree of harmony has prevailed, and very great progress has been made in the various branches of study taught here. Mr. Torrey, the talented and efficient Principal, is, if possible, more popular than ever.

The New College is now nearly completed, and will be opened for use at the commencement of the Fall Term (August 13th).

The present term will close with an Exhibition, Thursday, June 21st.

There will be a Prize Declamation, Wednesday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, and in the evening there will be a Lecture in the Chapel of the New College.

Rev. A. J. Church of Augusta, will deliver the Address before the Calliopean Society, Thursday, at 10 o'clock, A. M. In the afternoon there will be a rehearsal of Original Declamations by the students.

The Exhibition will close with a Grand Concert, given by the Augusta Citizens' Band, Thursday evening, 21st inst.

**Kent's Hill, June 9th, 1900.**

**SINGULAR HALUCINATION.** We copy from the *Lewiston Farmer* the following account of a singular case of mental delusion, occasioned doubtless by the prevailing apprehension in regard to the cattle disease.

John Usher West, son of Hon. John West, of Franklin, on Tuesday the 5th inst., was found to be missing, leaving in his room the following letter: "I cannot stay at home any longer. I know our cows have got the pleuro-pneumonia; and I know that we have all got it from using the milk. I feel it on me now—a restlessness; I cannot sleep at all. I cannot stay at home to see the misery there's coming. I am going into the woods to die. It is possible, there are remedies for this disease in the human system, but I fear not. There are Foster's, Orent's, and Benj. Barker's ointments to be used on the children. The same Legislature also gave to women control over property which they acquired thereafter, and also over their own earnings."

**WOMAN'S RIGHTS.** By an act of the last Legislature of New York every man and woman is constituted and declared to be the joint guardian of her children with her husband, with equal powers, rights and duties in regard to them with her husband. Heretofore the husband and excluded the control of the children. The same Legislature also gave to women control over property which they acquired thereafter, and also over their own earnings.

**THE REPORTER OF THE SACC DEMOCRAT** says: "The chief event of the term at Alfred this week was the preliminary trial, by Judge of the case of the State of Maine vs. John Henry, charged with the murder of Nathaniel Smith, a farmer of Alfred, who was killed by the fall of a tree from the barn of Joseph Smith was completely wrecked; the daughter of Nathaniel Smith was killed, and the wife of the latter is believed to be killed; in the village of Alfred, several barns were burned, and a large grist-mill, and a substantial residence, Crossed Red Bank Creek, were swept off, and four lives lost. In fact, in a forty or ten or twelve miles, heard from, thirty or forty houses and barns were torn down, and six or eight lives lost, but the amount of the damage done has not been estimated.—*Philadelphia Ledger*, June 4.

**TORONTO IN PENNSYLVANIA.** LOSS OF LIFE AND PROPERTY. About noon last Wednesday, 30th inst., a tremendous tornado, carrying destruction with it, swept across the line of Armstrong and Clarion counties, Pa., causing heavy loss of life and property. The dwelling of Charles Stewart was entirely carried away, his wife killed, and six children severely injured, the building being so burnt to ashes. The house and barn of Mr. Shoemaker were torn to pieces, and one of his legs broken; the house and barn of Thomas Dougherty were destroyed, and his daughter killed; the dwelling of John Henry was blown down, and his wife severely injured; the barn of Joseph Smith was completely wrecked; the daughter of Nathaniel Smith was killed, and the wife of the latter is believed to be killed; in the village of Alfred, several barns were burned, and a large grist-mill, and a substantial residence, Crossed Red Bank Creek, were swept off, and four lives lost. In fact, in a forty or ten or twelve miles, heard from, thirty or forty houses and barns were torn down, and six or eight lives lost, but the amount of the damage done has not been estimated.—*Philadelphia Ledger*, June 4.

**FOWLER'S DEFEALCATION.** The Postmaster General has answered the request of Mr. Fowler's defalcation. It appears that his accounts were never legally settled during the whole term of the present administration, but were adjusted by a fictitious system in a flagrant violation of the laws and regulations of the Department. Accounts are settled quarterly, but three months elapse usually before any quarter is closed up. Weekly returns are made to the Finance Bureau Department, showing the actual disbursements which should be made. It has been a practice in the Auditor's office in adjusting Mr. Fowler's accounts during the last three years, when a balance was found against him at the end of the quarter, instead of crediting him with the balance, to credit him with the deficiency of the other, and concealing a defalcation through-out.

**THE CHURCH OF THE TWO BELLS** were presented to Her Majesty and the Queen on the night of May 20th, at Cremorne Gardens, London. Geo. Wilkes presented Sayers with the bells which had been subscribed for in America. Mr. Dowling presented the bells to Her Majesty.

**THE GREAT TORNAO.** The Chicago Tribune of Tuesday furnishes copious details of the terrible tornado which swept across the State of Illinois and Iowa on Sunday evening, June 2nd. It makes some extracts relative to this awful visitation:

"From the best information we have been able to collect this far, the tornado came from the south, and struck the town of Clinton, near Cedar Rapids, the present terminus of the Chicago, Iowa and Nebraska Railroad, in a generally northern direction across Clinton county, crossing the Mississippi at Camanche and Albany, towns fronting each other respectively on the Iowa and Illinois shores—and thence maintaining its course toward the centre of the State, across Whiteside into Lee county, its latest ravages heard from up to present writing being near Leo Centre."

The entire distance thus traversed is upwards of one hundred miles, and that through a populous and fertile farming region, dotted with thriving towns, and cities, and a few scattered villages, all in the path of the destroyer.

The most appalling feature of the tornado was displayed at Camanche, a town of about fifteen hundred inhabitants, thirty miles south of Clinton. It occupied a level plain or plateau, elevated about fifty feet above the river. The town was built along and immediately upon the brink of the Mississippi, and somewhat compactly for a Western town, it was a fine specimen of a town of older date, and founded in 1837. It had numerous substantial buildings, and stores in erection, and three churches.

The tornado came upon Camanche about 7 P. M. An eye witness describes it in appearance as resembling an inverted hawk, its broad point sweeping the earth in its fearful march. As it



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